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AUSTRIA'S WOMEN BARBERS.

They Must Serve a Three-Years' Apprenticeship.

The Austrians take no chances with their borbers, says the New York World. They must be good, and the Barbers' and Wig Makers' Union of Vienna sees to it that they are. Provision is also made in their code for women barters who desire to carry on the business of their husbands in case of the

business of their husbands in cuse of the latter's death or dibess.

But in order to do this the wife must have been carelled in the union as an apprentice for three years. Apprentices, by the rules of the union, must appear in Vienna in the presence of judges of the union and show

presence of judges of the union and show their skill before they are allowed to open shops of their own.

A properly certified barber must have a knowledge of and pass an examination in shaving, bair cutting, bair curling, and wigmaking, and during the period before the Issuance of a certificate the poor and others who are fragal serve as subjects for experi-

At the examination the young men have their razors dulled by four strokes in a pine plank and they must then sharpen them. A subject is assigned to each, who must be tonsorially perfect, in the opinion of the judges, when the apprentice has released

After this a certificate is issued and the apprentice serves two years as a journey man before he may open a shop as an employer. The average age of apprenwhen they begin to learn their trade

George Maledon Will Retire from His Public Career

George Materion, champion hangman of the world, with a record of eighty-eight executions to his credit, will retire from his mblic career and live the rest of his life public career and live the rest of his life on a farm, which he has purchased with is savings, says a Fort Smith, Ark., corre-spondent of the New York World. Maledon has been the official langman of the traffed States court here for twenty

years, and he took intense pride in the neat-ness with which he performed the duties connected with his office.

When an execution was to take place Mal-edon always found out the exact weight of the man. After that there was no

of the man. After that there was no guesswork. By a rule known only to himself he adapted the weight to a nicety. On the morning of the day of the hanging he would always rise early and, after testing the gallows, proceed to put them in perfect order. The ropes were greased, the pulleys and trap adjusted and oiled and the noose carefully adjusted and tried. It made no difference whether one, two or ten men were to be executed, the same careful preparation was made in each case.

There was nothing hard-hearted in the way the work was done. A favorite reway the work was cone. A layouter mark of his to a doomed man was: "Oh, come on, now; it's nothing at all. You won't feel it and I'll have it all over in a lifty." He never failed to offer the prisoner a chew of tobacco just before the ciergyman began the customary prayer.

Paris a Great Fortress.

The German Chancellor Caprivi in a speech said that "Paris is the largest and most formidable fortress the world has ever seen-a stronghold with fifty-six forts and an outer line of fortifications of nearly 100 miles." The wall of Paris is built around the inhabited portion of the city, inclosing all the monuments and busines houses. It is surrounded by a broad ditch The original plans provided for a second wall some thousand paces beyond this one, but instead there is a circle of forts from one to two miles away from the inner wall. Nearly 2,000 cannon are used to fortify these forts. The various firstclass forts number about thirty. They are polygons in shape, strongly bustioned and ib-proof, with bricked up ditches,

covered ways and outworks. A Curious Effect.

The curious effect that may be produced by avery small transposition of words and ideas te illustrated by this slightly "mixed" in struction, recently given by an officer at drill to a company of men:

'When I give the command, 'Halt!' you will bring the foot which is on the ground to the side of the one which is in the air, and remain motionless!"-Portland Ore-

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GLEAMING APRIL STARS

Night Guard of the Pure White Easter Lilies.

CONJUNCTION OF PLANETS

The Occultation of "Red Mars" by "the Mailed Maiden"—Majestic Ursa Major-Story of Hercules' Twelve Labors-Virgo, the Rare and Radignt Maiden of the Heavens.

"The April's in her eyes; it is love's pring," sang Shakespeare, in beautiful lusion to the month when the buds begin to open, whence its Latin christening.

Not so euphonious, however, is the oldfashtoned pronunctation, Aprile, which still prevails in many rural districts, with numberiess excellent authorities to back it, even though they be not classed with the lexicographers.

The "host of heaven" looks down this

month upon a world-garden of Easter lilies. These pure symbols of the exalted faith of Christendom, guarded by night by the holy stars, illustrate the blending of the terrestrial with the celestial glory, "Notes and Queries" contains an interest-

ing account of a "scare" in a prominent London corner concerning the date appointed for the observance of Easter in 1818. In the autumn of the year previous the publisher, Reeves, became so convinced that an error of the catendar had been committed that he did not besitate to correspond with the prime minister on the subject. That high functionary, alarmed in turn. communicated the matter to the lord chan-celor and also to the archbishop of Canter-His grace, the latter, happily set the matter at rest by quoting from the "Kalendar" tables the rule for the determination of Easter, and the lord chancellor coincided in his opinion expressed to the prime

minister. The famous Council of Nice (325) ordained that Easter should be celebrated upon the Sunday following the 14th day of the Paschal moon, falling on orafter March 21; and in the event of the 14th day falling upon Sunday, Easter should be regarded as the Sunday after.

THE CALENDAR MOON.

It must be noted that the Paschal moon not the true full moon, but the tabular or calendar "moon," determined by the 'epact." Reeves' auxiety had been induced by the fact that a full moon occurred on the day selected for Easter, and he leared that business complications might arise from the supposed error.

The rejuctance of England to adopt the Gregorian change of the calendar in 1582 threatened derangement of the Easter observance, until 1752, when the "New Style" was put into use in the United Kingdom.

At 7 p. m. the majestic Ursa Major will be found above and to the east of Polaris, the well-defined "dipper" hanging in the sky with its pointers eternally directed loward that important guide of bewildered travelers. A more dointy "dipper" is formed by Ursa Minor, and the star at the end of the handle is Polaris. This fainter constellation may be satisfactorily traced on a clear night in the absence of the moon. Opposite to Ursa Major, and west of the Pole, is Perseus, with his glorious cluster of small stars, and the curious variable star Aigol. Draco's sinuous outlines are seen selow and to the east, with the ever-faint Cepheus below and to the west. Also west is een the zigzag group of bright stars known as Cassiopeia's Chair. In the east appears Bootes, whose distinguishing brilliant is

Arcturus. Along the ecliptic Virgo is rising, Leo is midway to the meridian, Cancer extends to the meridian and Gemini is past it; still be youd is Taurus, then Aries, while Pisces is sinking to rest.

Hydra and the Crater are seen in the south east, and the south still boasts Canis Minor. Canis Major and Orion linger in the south west. North of the ecliptic are Coma Berenices and Cor Caroli. Auriga is conspleu-ous above Gemini and Taurus, and Andromeda is about to bid farewell to our evening

HANGED OVER EIGHTY CONVICTS. skies. STORIES OF THE STARS.

The constellation Bootes, which will come into better position as the month grows, is interesting both because of its outlines and the noble star Arcturus. Whether or not we may believe that the sublime challenge of the Almighty to Job. Canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" refers to this striking star group, the name appears impressively in the hoary book which bears the name of the patriarch Uz.

The signification of Bootes is "The Wagoner or Plowman," In Cicero's translation of Aratus (the poet quoted by the Apos-tle Paul in his sermon to the Atheniaus), it is entitled Arctophylax, "The Bear Guard," Greeian fable maintains that Bootes was the ion of Jupiter and Callisto, and was named

Areas. Juno's jealousy of Callisto resulted in the ransformation of the beautiful maideninto a bear, and Areas, while hunting, perceived er, and was about to slay her, when Jupiter in mercy changed the son also into a ear-Ursa Minor-and transferred them both to the skies. Modern mythologists bave divested Bootes of his sickle, and placed in his bands the reins of the "Hunting Dogs." Asterion and Chara, with which be is supposed to drive the bear around the

A rather complex constellation is Hydra, which stretches its scrpentine folds from Procyon to Virgo and beyond. The head of this Lernacan monster, which, according to fable, only multiplied by decapitation, is found near Procyon by means of the rhom-bold which four of its stars constitute. Below Leo is the Crater or "Cup," a fine semi-circle of six stars of the fourth magnitude. Still eastward is Corvus, the "Crow hanged from white toblack, because of tale bearing.

HERCULES' TWELVE LABORS. To destroy the many-headed Hydra was the ambition of Hercules, and its accomplishment constituted one of his celebrated twelve labors." It was effected by the use of a bot iron applied to the wound upon deployment of cauterization, but in rather a regative sense. The great conqueror dipped his arrows in the gall of the Hydra, which caused the wounds inflicted by them to be incurable. Doubtless the fable is but an exaggerated account of the multitudinous ser pents which infested the marshes of Lerna

This charming member of the zodiac well rewards the student of the beavens, for both its starry sweep and its history are fas-'sign' and the seventh constellation in the ecliptic. The sun enters the sign about the 22d of August, but does not reach the constellation until the middle of September.

Virgo is represented as a "rare and ra-diant maiden," with folding wings, holding in her hand an ear of corn. Mythologof the realm of justice, dwelling on earth in ts early history-in the "golden pocence and truth reigned, and there was universal happiness. The earth lavished ber gifts upon man without the labor of ultivation, and wars were unknown. But the golden age was succeeded by the ages of silver, brass and from and crime flo

With the degeneration of mankind the gods deserted the abodes of man. Astrea lingered last, but finally the wickedness

of earth drave her to the skies, where

Virgo's principal star, Spica, "of purest ray serenc," is one of the stars which figure in the charts of the mariner. It is in the track of the moon, the measuremen of whose angular distance from it and other stars serves to determine the longitude of he vessel's position.

Uranus was in conjunction with the moon on the first, and Venus will follow suit on the 10th. Jupiter is on the meridan about 7 p. m. By the end of the mouth Saturn will e in good position for observation. Popular interest in the comet, about which

there has been such a flourish of trumpets has subsided with the subsidence of the comet, whose "miss" was as good as man; millions of "miles."

SALEM'S DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Dressmaker Murdered by a Man Who

Later Killed Himself. Salem, Mass., April 9.-There was double tragedy at No. 122 Boston street this morning. At 4:20 o'clock people living upstairs smelled smoke, and, going to a room occupied by Miss Josephine Manning, forced an entrance and found the bed on fire and the room full of smoke. Across the foot of the bed a man was lying, fully dressed, and just gasping for breath. He was taken out, but died before medical help arrived. In the bed Miss Manning

lay dead, ber head covered with blood from a wound. The ratelly upstairs reported that they heard three pistol shots an hour previous and an examination showed that the woman had two pistol wounds in her head.

The man, who was James F. Flynn, also had a bullet wound in his bend. Flynn was a widower, about thirty-five years old. Manning woman, who was a dressmaker and about thirty-eight years old. It is supposed that he killed the woman

and then committed suicide. He was dressed in his working clothes, and no one could tell when he went to the house, nor was anything known as to the cause of the shooting. Both bodies were somewhat scorehed, but only the bed in the room was burned,

GOULD TALKS POLITICS.

Gives Freely His Views to a St. Louis Interviewer. 8t. Louis, Mo., April 9.—During Mr.

George Gould's short stay in this city yesterday he gave without reserve his views on the present relations of business to pol tics. In an interview he said: "The railroad business everywhere is

very dull. Freight traffic is light, and even passenger traffic is not what it should be. There seems to be no nomediate prespect of an improvement, and business will prob ably continue light until next fall. This s even more pronounced than usual in election years.

"Apart from the unsettled feeling arising from a coming change in administra ion, there is a general mistrust arising from the agitation of the money question. Personally, I believe a victory for the sound money people will do much toward restor ng trade conditions on all lines

ELOPED WITH A PAUPER.

The Ardent Swain Borrowed Articles

of Value and Pawned Them. Shamekin, Pa., April 9.-John Lett. a widower, from Uniontown, deserted his two children and his aged parents and has loped with a pauper named Mary Reest. This is the young woman who was removed o the poorhouse last fall when it became known that with her infant she had been sleeping in stables and outbuildings for

Before leaving for other parts Lott, it is said, secured new clothing for his sweet-heart and had it charged to his father. He also borrowed a shotgun, a silver cornet and various other articles from neighbors and, t is charged, pawned them in Shamokin.

Southern Pacific Elects Officers. Sau Francisco, April 9.—The annual meet ng of the Southern Pacific Company was ield here yesterday, at which directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows: . P. Huntington, Thomas E. Stillman, R. E. Huntington, Charles F. Crocker, Russell Wilson, George Crocker, Thomas H. Hubbard, Charles G. Lathrop, J. C. Stubbs, N. T. Smith. The board will meet today to elect officers. It is conceded that C.

. Huntington will be re-elected president. Li Hung Chang Not Coming. London, April 9.—The Times today will publish a dispatch from Singapore saying that after his visit to St. Petersburg Li Hung Chang, who goes to Russia to represent the emperor of China, at the coronation of the exar at Moscow, will proceed to London. According to this ispatch, Li Hung Chang has abandoned

his intention of making a tour of America Marie Decca Divorced.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 9.- The court has ranted a divorce to Mme. Decca, the noted singer, from her busband. Francis Leon Christman, journalist, upon payment of the costs by the petitioner, Mme. Decca. This decree ends the litigation which has been going on for about two years between the parties.

Great Britain's Defenses at Malta. Paris, April 9 .- Le Journal says that the English are creeting a barracks at Malta capable of accommodating 30,000 men This increase of capacity, the paper says, is being made in anticipation of events to the Mediterranean affecting British interests.

Brother and Sister Agreed the Girl's Lover Should Kill Him.

Confessed That the Old Man's Objection to Her Sweetheart and His Stinginess Made Them Wroth.

Leavenworth, Kans,, April 9. Young Charles Lamborn and Annie Lamborn, his sister, who are in jail here, charged with complicity in the murder of their father, have confessed to having actually assisted Thomas Davenport, the lover of the girl and the friend of the brother, in the commission of the crime. Lamborn was mur dered at his ranch in Fall Leaf township this county, on the night of February 10.

According to the confession, Lamborn and his sister left home to attend a dance. Near their home they met Davenport, and it was agreed that the aged father, who had forbidden Davenport to visit his daughter, and who, though wealthy, was commonly accused of making his two children slaves to the drudgery of farm life, should be killed.

Davenport then went directly to the house, crept in through a rear door, and with one blow of an ax dispatched Laurborn as he sat in a chair by the fireside. The two men then burned the dead man's will, by which he had disposed of an estate valued at over \$50,000. After this they joined the girl, and the three proceeded to the dance, where they seemed to enjoy themselves with the others. After the dance they all returned to the house and slept there. In the morning they spread the news of Lamborn's murder.

CONVICTED AS A SWINDLER.

Farrington Used the Mails to De-

fraud Women. Detroit, Mich., April 9.—Yesterday afternoon Frank C. Farrington, formerly of St. Paul, Chicago and Leiray, a suburb of this city, but now of New York city, was contrict court of using the mails to defraud. Farrington advertised in papers in nearly every State in the Union, a scheme whereby women could obtain easy bonic employment at fancy needlework and make \$8 to \$10 a week.

For patterns and instructions the promoter of the enterprise charged \$1 in each case. Farrington has been tried wice before on similar charges. Once, in St. Paul, be was released on suspended sentence, and on another occasion, in Chicago, be pleaded guilty and paid a fine. When acrested in New York 1,500 lefers found in Farrington's apartments were

FIVE LIVES PROBABLY LOST. Probably Suffocated in the

Hope Hoist, Mont. Butte, Mont., April 9.-A dispatch re-ceived from Basin last night reported fire raging in the Hope Holst and main shaft, and that four or five lives had been lost. Staft Boss John Buckley and his brother, Pat Buckley, Martin Sullivan, Hugh Mc-Keown, Barney Watt, Will Belien, and Ed McArthur are probably sufficiented, as

there is no other esenpe from the mine

except by the main shaft, which is burn-

ng. The buildings are a total loss. Fletcher Church Benefit.

A "Grand Musical Freat" for the building fund of Fletcher M. E. Church will be given at Typographical Temple Monday evening next. The performers will be: Miss Kate Young, Miss M. Storm, Master Walter Burke, Miss Emma Williams, Miss Abbey Johnson, Miss Ida O'Neil, Miss Eva Young, Miss Mollie McKee, Mr. Joseph Steele, little Edna Brenner, Miss Daisy O'Neil, and Miss Georgie Barrie. The committee of arrangements is composed of Mrs. E. Allpress, Miss Nellie Allpress, Miss Manne Allpress, and

Miss E. Jean Wilson, formerly of this city, will present at Masonic Temple Tuesday evening, her New York success, a menelogue, n expressly by Charles Barnard, the author of "The County Fair." She will be assisted by Mr. T. W. Pearman, the well-known English tenor, and Mr. Frank Gebest, the popular pi

tole a Congressman's Breakfast. Norristown, Pa., April 9,-While Concressman Wanger and his three guests, ongressmen Joy, of Misseuri; Ray, of New York, and Mahon, of Chambersburg, were peacefully slumbering Tuesday night, after stiending the Invincibles' banquet, thieves visited the Wanger home on West Main street, and stole all the breakfast provisions.

Murderer Commits Saicide. Evansviile, Ind., April 9.-Thomas Hitch. a deputy constable, shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Ella Stamps, at her home on Madison avenue last evening, because she refused o get a divorce from her husband and marry him. Hitch then shot himself in head, dying instantly. Hitch was forty-eight years old and of good family.

Four Squares Burned Over. Campbellsville, Ky., April 9.—A fire swept four squares in the central part of the city at midnight Tuesday night. Loss, \$38,000; Insurance, \$22,000. The fire was of incendiary origin.



AE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM THIS SPRING, TRA-LA!

-Philadelphia Press.

HELPED TO MURDER FATHER ANOTHER DUKE COMING

Her Son to Marry Here.

THEY WILL VISIT NEWPORT

Many Marriageable Heiresses Are Awaiting the Young Man's Advent It Is Also Said That the Duches May Again Become a Bride-Will W. K. Vanderbilt Be the Groom?

Two things are generally agreed upon-

Manchester, and probably to secure as American husband for herself. ases this season-girls of high position, benuty, collure and wealth, with fortune

ranging from hundreds of thousands to \$15,-000,000. Heading the list comes Miss Gertrade Vanderbilt, eidest daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, whose fortune will not be less than

Her father has always been credited with preferring an American son-in-law to one with a title, but then the young duke is half an American, and in every way such an excellent match that it is possible Mr. Vanderbilt might be willing to entertain theiden of an alliance between him and Miss

Such a wedding would be quite as briliant an his niece's to the Duke of Mari-

RICH AMERICAN GIRLS.

Miss Virginia Fair's fortune Will not fall zirl, and might win a duke any day with-

\$40,060,000, of which about a third will this summer at their great stone palace on Ochre Point.

as not been formally introduced yet, although she was one of the bridesmaids at the Vanderbill-Mariborough wedding. Miss Goelet will probably be presented this some mer, and were she to become engaged about the same time she would only be following he example of the former Miss Consucto

Miss Josephine Brooks has not yet made he intimate friends of her mother, Mrs. H. Mortimer Brooks, and the very young element. She will probably be introduced next August, and have an immense success socially, for she is a charming girl. Miss Brooks' fortune will read well up in the millions; \$6,000,000 is a conservative esti-

HAS GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

Besides her wealthy parents, she has a achelor uncle, Eugene Higgins, whose forme is set down at something like \$20,-90,000, and who would probably add several millions to ber "dot" if any marriage arranged for her meets with his approval. Miss Mand Wetmore, daughter of ex-Gov. George Peabody Wetmore of Rhode Island, will have an immense fortune, and Senator Brice's two daughters-Kate and Helen-will also come in for several millions

The Duchess of Manchester, it will thus be seen, will be surrounded by an almost mbarrassing amount of wealth and beauty, and if the young dake returns to England without a bride it will not be because of scarcay of girls from whom to select. His mother's choice will be more limited society's rumors and hopes count for any-thing. This one person is said to be William K. Vanderbilt, who has known her for years and is supposed to be one of her greatest admirers.

According to the stories, it was his riendship for the duchess which caused the first trouble between him and his forme. wife, now Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont. Whether this is so or not the two women were once devotedly attached and are no

Marthorough, was named Conspelo, after r godmother, the Duchess of Manchester. The Duchess of Manchester's social camaign at Newport is anticipated with the greatest interest by the fashionable summer residents there. That it will be a difficult one, nobody doubts, for although she is a universal favorite in society, it will require the greatest skill and diplomacy to steer clear of the many little crags against which a woman of less experience and tact

itude toward her?" everybody is asking, "and the Duchess of Mariborough's should she decide to visit Newport after all?" Only next summer will be able to gratify verybody's curiosity. In the meastime a gay season is predicted for Newport.

Governor Speaks for a General Policy of Conciliation.

colony, said he hoped a policy of con-ciliation on all sides would lead to an abatement of racial differences and political discontent.

There was room chough and to spare for both. It was the duty of all who are answerable for the guidance of the destinies of South Africa to remove all grounds that might be conductee of dis-cord. The tone of the governor's speech throughout was markedly pacific

Bradley Was Beaten.

**Duchess of Manchester Wants** 

The Duchess of Manchester will, it is said, spend next summer at Newport. Her grace's expected visit there has already stirred up the gossips and all sorts of rumors are rife concerning its objects and

that in returning to her native country the American duchess does so to find an American wife for her son, the young Duke of Newport will fairly swarm with heir-

\$15,000,000, and probably reach nearer

borough.

far short of Miss Vanderbilt's. She is supposed to have inherited about \$15,000,000 from her father, the late Senator Fair of California. She is an exceedingly pretty at the aid of her colossal wealth.

Miss May Goelet is another fabulously tich girl. Ogden Goeiet is worth at least

eventually fall to her. Some of the residents of Newport believe that the Goelets will entertain the Duckess of Marlborough Already these dippers into the future are talking of the little heiress' prospects, She

Vanderbilt.

Miss Mabel Gerry and Miss Angelica Gerry will have very large marriage portions, and more later, and Miss Sybil Sherman, Miss Marie Winthrop, Miss Evelyn Burden and Miss Julia Dent Grant may all count on gencrous doweries.

n fact, will be narrowed to one person, if

FRIENDS NO LONGER.

longer so. Mrs. Belmont's daughter, the Duchess of would certainly be unable to guard. Newport is already divided into factions.

It will be impossible for her to ally herself with one without grievously offending the other. Of course, she will be on the side of "What will be Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont's at-

NATAL PARLIAMENT OPENS.

Petermaritzburg, April 9.—The Natal Parliament was opened yesterday. In his speech opening the session, Hon. Sir Walter Francis Hely-Hutchinson, governor of the

The government of Natal, he said, would view with gravest concern the possibility of a conflict between the Dutch and English in South Africa. It would be impossible to control the vast native pepulation if the prestige and authority of the Europeans in the country were to be destroyed by armed contention. The English and Dutch, the governor declared, were too deeply rooted and had too many interests in common to be ranged in hestile

Frankfort, Ky., April 9.—The Seventh district convention held here yesterday elected George Donny and Leslie Coombs, McKinley men, delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. The vote was 69 for McKinley to 54 for Bradley. 25c PER VIAL. MUNYON'S DOCTORS FREE. your interest to examine these. give you a . . . . . \$5.00 Shoe for \$3.00 1105 Pennsylvania Ave.

WHY BUYS QUIT THE FARM

It Is Because They Do Not Knew What Farming Is.

THEY SEE ONLY DRUDGERY

It Would Be Very Much Better to Make Them Acquainted With the Scientific and Economic Side of Agriculture-Arbor Day Opens the Way to a New Era in Instruction

Arbor Day has become an established observance, and it is not necessary to enter into details regarding the work to be come on such occasions, as punils are in the future will be looked upon as the beginning of a new era in the instruction of the sounger members of the farming

It is the entering wedge which will widen the opening for knowledge and will eventually lead to higher instruction in other matters pertaining to agriculture. It is possible that before a decade passes additional studies in the country schools will embrace that which will be of vital mportance to the younger generation. If Arnor Day is to incuicate in the youth-

ful mind the importance of ornamenting the school grounds with trees and shrubbery, as well as to plant trees along the roads, and even at the homes, there is no reason why they should not be taught during school hours many things that will enable them to better understand he conditions in which they are placed and which will enable them to leave the schools better prepared for fulfilling their duties in life . FOUNDATION OF BETTERFARMING.

dents are compelled to devote a certain portion of their time to "shop work," in order to derive practical as well as theoreti-cal knowledge to fit them more thoroughy for the pursuits they intend to follow. The farmer is familiar with the practical work on the farm, but rather deficient in theory and the science of farming. The experiment stations have done excellent rvice in importing knowledge, but it is

At many of the higher colleges the stu-

difficult for farmers to understand as fully as they should those things which require study in order to comprehend them. The chemistry necessary to better under-stand the use of fertilizers is not difficult to learn, but there are only a few farmers n a community who begin late in life levote a portion of their time to study. It the farmer's son who sho taught, and he will become sufficiently interested to follow his studies and advance

himself later on. in farming, and he will not be contented to faiter if he expects to become proficient in his occupation. Instruction of the children must be the foundation of successful

farming in the future. NO DIFFICULTIES TO MEET. There are no difficulties to encounte. giving instruction on chemistry, botany and entomology. One hour each day, or a day in the week, during which times classes might be taught on subjects per aining to agriculture, would take but little

from other studies, and the instruction im parted would be most valuable. Books intended for schools, written in plain and easily-understood language, in which pupils are to be instructed in the composition of soils, plant growth, plant foods, varieties, characteristics of plants, destructive insects, etc., have aiready been prepared, and when once some enterpris ingboard of education introduces the studie in the schools others will foilew.

How many farmers know how to buy fertilizers to advantage or how to feed their crops for the best results, and, it may be added, how many of them are capable of selecting breeds? It is safe to assert that those who know anything outside of the manual labor required are in the If Arbor Day is to be observed for pur-

oses of instruction it is an admission that

the schools can be made places of instruc

ion for something more, and the value to

the whole country at large, by beginning the nstruction of agriculture among the children, cannot be estimated. WHAT IS BEING DONE. In Denmark dairying is taught as a speial study, and it has placed that country irst among the nations of the world in lairving. In this country the agricultural lleges have short courses in agriculture, and the attendance is large, thus demon strating that the sons of farmers are will

ing to improve such opportunities. If these students could enter such coleges with the advantage of instruction in the first rudiments taught in the village school, it would save valuable time and abor. One of the causes of farmers' sons eaving the farms is because they really know so little of farming. It is to then the life of common laborers.

Open to them the fact, when they are young, that farming is a science; that the true knowledge of farming has not gone below the surface, and that by intelligent farming they have better opportunities and they will become interested in the work, because they can look ahead and see omething to strive for in the future. If education is decided upon it must begin with the young, for "as the twig is bent the tree inclines," and the subject is one well worthy of consideration by all interested.

Captured by a Spanish Cruiser. Key West, Fla., April 9.—Mercos Rodrigus and Somellian and family arrived last night on the steamer Mascotte. It is reported in this city that the schooner Pearl has been captured by a Spanish cruiser.

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